

# CONGRESSIONAL BRIEF

## The Build Back Better Act

117<sup>th</sup> Congress

Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-NY)



*"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in our communities and create a stronger, healthier and brighter future for our kids."*

❖ Paul Tonko

## Historic Savings for New York Kids & Workers

- ❖ **Extend the Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases for 120,000 Capital Region kids** with \$300/month per child under 6 or \$250/month per child ages 6 to 17
- ❖ Expand access to free school meals to an additional 222,000 students during the school year and providing 2,078,602 students with resources to purchase food over the summer.
- ❖ Cover free, high-quality preschool to more than 297,920 additional 3- and 4-year-olds per year
- ❖ Provide a tax cut of up to \$1,500 for 982,700 low-wage workers in New York by extending the American Rescue Plan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion

## Driving Down Costs & Supporting Families

**The Build Back Better Act will ensure that no American making under \$400,000 will pay a penny more in taxes & the wealthiest and big corporations finally pay their fair share.**

### ***Health Care***

- Closing the coverage gap, enabling **4 million** uninsured Americans to gain access to health care
- **Expanding access to addiction treatment and other services** to incarcerated individuals transitioning back into the community **under Rep. Tonko's Medicaid Reentry Act**
- Negotiating lower drug costs for seniors and ensuring Americans with diabetes don't pay more than \$35 per month for their insulin

### ***Family & Child Care***

- Establishing **4 weeks of universal paid parental, family caregiving, and medical leave**
- \$150 billion to expand access to **quality home-based services and care** for millions of older adults and people with disabilities
- **Saving families more than half their current spending on child care**, ensuring most families do not pay more than 7% of their income on quality child care
- Providing \$150 billion in affordable housing investments to expand rental assistance

### ***Climate Action***

- Investing **\$555 billion over 10 years to support to tackle the climate crisis**
- Delivering \$110 billion to spur new domestic supply chains and the manufacturing of technologies—like solar, batteries, and advanced materials
- \$10 billion for the full replace of U.S. lead services lines in drinking systems
- Expanding tax incentives for clean energy technologies, saving families hundreds in costs

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